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6.	2nd Madras Water Supply Project (Ln. No. 3907-IN) 1996-97	Tamil Nadu	275.80	20.12.95	5.99	00.00	5.99	269.81
7.	UP Rural Water Supply and Environmental Sanitation Project (Ln. No. 4956)	Uttar Pradesh	59.6	22.07.96	0.00	2.18	2.18	57.42

Indians in Bangladesh

2281. SHRI AMAR ROY PRADHAN : Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether National Human Rights Commission has recommended that people, who are living in Indian Enclaves in Bangladesh may continue to be Indian citizens and their interests be looked after by the Government of India; and

(b) if so, when such a recommendation was made by the Commission and what interests of these Indian citizens have been looked after by the Government of India, till-date?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI I.K. GUJRAL) : (a) and (b) National Human Rights Commission by its proceedings on 13.3.1996 had expressed the view that the people who are living in the Indian enclaves in Bangladesh, continue to be Indian citizens and their interests have to be looked after by the Government of India. India has no administrative control or access to its enclaves in Bangladesh. Therefore, it has not been possible for the Government to look after the interests of the people living in Indian enclaves in Bangladesh. The exchange of enclaves is directly linked to and will necessarily follow the demarcation of boundary between India and Bangladesh. The demarcation of about 41 Kms. of Indo-Bangladesh land boundary is yet to be completed. During the third meeting of Indo-Bangladesh Joint Working Group held in Delhi from January 28-31, 1997, the two sides have agreed on the need to increase the number of survey teams for early completion of the demarcation of land boundary.

[Translation]

Reservoir Schemes in Jamui, Bihar

2282. SHRI R.L.P. VERMA : Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state :

(a) the details and present status of Barnar, Nagi and Keiul reservoir schemes in Jamui district (Bihar);

(b) the quantum of funds approved and released by the Union Government so far for these projects, project-wise and year-wise;

(c) the steps taken so far/the progress made as on date in the completion/commissioning of these projects;

(d) the reasons for the delay in the completion of those projects;

(e) whether, the Government have conducted or propose to conduct any inquiry in this regard and to fix responsibility for the delay;

(f) if so, the details thereof and the action taken/proposed to be taken against the persons responsible for it; and

(g) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA) : (a) Lower Kiul and Nagi Projects were completed during second Five Year Plan. Expenditure upto March, 1994 in respect of Barnar and Upper Kiul Projects is Rs. 32.60 crores and Rs. 62.97 crores respectively. No potential has been created so far on Barnar Project where as irrigation potential of 13,500 ha. has been created in Upper Kiul Project upto 1994-95.

(b) to (g) The Ministry of Water Resources has sanctioned an amount of Rs. 5.00 crores to Upper Kiul Project under Accelerated Irrigation Benefit Programme during 1996-97 and released Rs. 2.5 crores as first instalment. Irrigation is a state subject. The irrigation projects are implemented by the State Governments from their own resources and completion of the projects will depend upon the priority attached to them by the State.

Joint Shipping Service between India and Russia

2283. KUMARI UMA BHARATI :

SHRI SATYA DEO SINGH :

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether any agreement has been signed to introduce joint shipping services between India and Russia;

(b) if so, the salient features of the agreement; and

(c) the date from which this agreement is likely to become effective?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI I.K. GUJRAL) : (a) An "Agreement on the establishment of a Joint Liner Service between ports of Black Sea (Novorossiysk) and ports of India" was signed in Moscow on 11 February, 1997.

(b) The Agreement provides for establishment of a Joint Liner Service between the basic ports of Novorossiysk and Mumbai and the optional ports of Constanza, Varna, Bourgas, Ilyichevsk, Odessa and Ust-Dunaisk in the Black Sea and Chennai, Kochi and Calcutta in India. By this Agreement, India and Russia are to deploy one or two vessels for carriage of conventional cargoes and containers, and have also provisionally agreed to provide a monthly sailing in each direction. The Agreement also provides for reciprocal privileges to both Novorossiysk Shipping Company and the Shipping Corporation of India Ltd., including for port services in India and Russia.

(c) The Agreement became effective upon its signature on 11 February 1997; the operation of the Joint Liner Service is expected to commence from June, 1997.

[English]

Centrally Protected Forts in Rajasthan

2284. SHRI MAHENDRA SINGH BHATI : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Union Government have received a request for development of Centrally Protected Forts in Rajasthan;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the action taken/proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard;

(d) if no action has been taken, the reasons therefor; and

(e) the time by which a decision is likely to be taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI S.R. BOMMAI) : (a) to (e) The centrally protected Forts in Rajasthan are maintained, preserved and environmentally developed as per their requirements based on archaeological norms and availability of funds.

National Sports Policy

2285. SHRI SYDAIAH KOTA :

SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE :

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether the new national sports policy has been finalised;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, when the Government propose to finalise it?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI R. DHANUSHKODI ATHITHAN) : (a) to (c) A draft New National Sports Policy has been formulated. It has been circulated to all the concerned organisations inviting their comments and is yet to be finalised. Its main features are as under :-

- (1) Broad-basing of Sports;
- (2) Creation of Sports Infrastructure;
- (3) Mobilisation of Mass-media in introducing a Sports Culture in the country;
- (4) Achieving excellence at the National and International levels;
- (5) Scientific back-up to sports persons;
- (6) Training and Development of Coaches, Sports Scientists, Judges, Refrees and Umpires;
- (7) Incentives to Sports persons;
- (8) Resource Mobilisation for Sports; and
- (9) Easy access to International quality sports equipment.

Indian Museum, Calcutta

2286. SHRI HANNAN MOLLAH :

SHRI TARIT BARAN TOPDAR :

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government are considering to provide fully air conditioned facilities to the Indian Museum, Calcutta;

(b) whether it is also a fact that experts have suggested that air conditioning of all the buildings of the Museum is necessary for proper conservation and preservation;

(c) when it is likely to be taken up;

(d) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(e) the steps being taken for proper maintenance and care of the National Museum?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI S.R. BOMMAI) : (a) to (d) The Government do not have any such proposal under consideration since neither any request has been received from the Indian Museum for providing air conditioning facilities for the full building of the Indian Museum nor any such suggestions have been made by any of the experts of the High Powered Building